The Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Mass Inter	ntions		
August	15	8:00 AM	Mary Requena requested by John & Mary Blair
August	16	8:00 AM	Special Intention
August	17	8:00 AM	Int. Of Father Donald B. Raila, O.S.B. req. by Teresa Warlow
August	18	8:00 AM	Joe Barbaretta requested by Kathy Heller
August	19	8:00 AM	Intentions of Jerry & Karen Kupris, 50th Wedding Anniversary
			requested by The Fordyce Family
August	20	8:00 AM	Special Intention
		5:00 PM	Jackie Miller requested by The Pray Family
August	21	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

	Lectors	Liturgical Ministries August 20-21 Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	The Hoffman Family
9:00 AM	Nancy Stanton	Pat Pray	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 21Gwen PrayAugust 28The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Isaiah 66:18-21 **Hebrews** 12:5-7, 11-13 **Luke** 13:22-30

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$7,070.35

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,307.00

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 14th

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, August 15th (Assumption of BVM)

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, August 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, August 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, August 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 20th (Feast of St. Bernard)

Mass. 8:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, August 21st

Confession, 8:00AM

Mass, 9:00AM

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing."

From the Pastor's Desk

Political elections can bring out the best and worst in people. Despite a growing cynicism, polls show that our individual opinions are still deeply held and strongly defended. Many of our political allegiances are formed early in life, by ethical, moral and religious codes. As we mature we may find ourselves on the opposite political



side from spouses, children or friends. In fact, the combustible subject of politics has been banned from many dinner tables for fear it

will permanently sever otherwise peaceful relationships.

If politics divides our households, how can the gospel do less? Jesus' message evokes powerful responses, whether positive or negative. What we feel depends on where we stand, for Him or against Him. As today's gospel says, He has come to draw the battle lines and each of us must choose. It won't always be easy to stand with Him. We may be the only one holding up His banner in our family. We may find ourselves estranged from people we love and respect for His sake. But He offers us this comfort: He is standing beside us, arms open, waiting for them too.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy and Joe Rich, Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Greg Nye, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org



Knights of Columbus Book

Sale: The Knights are planning for their annual book sale September on September 8-9-10 from 9AM to 7PM (Saturday sale

ends at 2PM). They will also offer artwork from Perry County's resident artist, Joanna Buck, for sale. If you would like to donate your used books to the sale, you can leave them in the book box at the garage. You can also call Ken Risner (717-275-2223) if you want him to pick them up at your home. Please do not leave your books in the Narthex! You can drop all books in the marked plastic trunk by the parish garages. Please no moldy or musty books! Thank you!

K of C Perry County Ice Cream Stand: The Knights of Columbus are asking for your assistance with

the Ice Cream Stand at this year's Perry County fair (August 16-20th). The Ice Cream Stand is the K of C major source of income and support to



continue the programs they sponsor for our parish. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board with scheduled time slots you can choose from. Your assistance is greatly

appreciated.

A Summer Reminder: A sense of decorum in dressing for Church: The summertime can be hot and humid and often calls for more comfortable clothing. There is, however, a proper decorum to



be used when considering the clothing we wear to Mass and church. While fancy Sunday-best dresses/hats or suit and tie

may not be the attire we wear in the "causal" atmosphere of today's society, there is always a need to monitor closely what we wear because it reflects on us, our values, and the importance we place on our respect for God and our neighbor. We have no church dress codes we can look to except the one dictated by the virtue of modesty, respect, and good taste. In general, we should avoid the following when dressing for church: Spaghetti straps/tank tops, bare backs or shoulders. sleeveless shirts or plunging necklines, tubes, skimpy skirts or shorts, low waist pants, Jersey shorts/gym wear, caps or flipflops. Thank you for your consideration!

CCD Teachers/Catechist/Aides Needed: As we look forward to staffing our religious education program for next year, please consider assisting us by joining our gracious staff of committed volunteers. You only need a willingness to pass along a living faith to the next generation of young Catholics. For more information, please call Alice Vilk, Olney Innerst, or Father Sharman.

CCD Registrations: Parents are reminded to reregister your children in our CCD program by July 10th so adequate materials can be ordered. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. There are also new registration forms available if your child is just beginning our program.

Rest in Peace: In your charity and prayers, please remember the soul of Donna Bockelcamp, daughter of Sara Zettlemoyer. May God be merciful in judging Donna and grant her a place among the angels and saints in the Kingdom. Also, pray for healing and consolation for her family.

Thank you, Knights of Columbus: Our parish owes of debt of gratitude to our Knights for hosting a wonderful Parish Picnic last Sunday. We had over 120 parishioners in attendance, and all had a great time, especially the children. May God grant our parish family continued growth in holiness and may He bless the Knights abundantly for their faithful service to our parish!

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Monday. August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into the glory of heaven. Since the feast this year



is not a holy day of obligation, Mass will be celebrated Monday morning at 8:00AM. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God, and her docility to the Holy Spirit, allowed God to work through her so that salvation

might come to all people. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation!

A Eucharistic Reflection: "The whole substance of bead is converted into the whole substance of Christ's Body, the whole substance of wine into the whole substance of His Blood. This is not a transmutation or transformation; it is not catalogued under the ordinary physical processes but given the special name of transubstantiation. It is evident to the senses that all the accidents of bread and wine remain after the consecration. Such is the reasonable course of divine Providence, for it is abominable to eat human flesh and drink human blood. That is why Christ's Body and Blood are offered to us under the species of bread and wine." (Saint Thomas Aquinas)

Blessed be God, forever!!

